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Virginia Educational Technology Advisory Committee

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Hanover High School
10307 Chamberlayne Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116
February 10, 2004

Attendance:
Fraser Getgood, Virginia Association of Science Teachers
Jeff Bateman, for Thelma Smith (a.m.), Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals
L.B. Berg, State Council of Higher Education in Virginia
Kathy Camper, Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers
Jim Carroll, Educational Technology Professional Leadership - Medium School Division
Susan Clair, Department of Correctional Education
Toni Cleveland, Virginia Community College System
Janet Copenhaver, Regional Study Group VI Representative
Larry Crum, Business and Industry Representative
Steve Degatani, for Thelma Smith (p.m.), Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals
Bill Flaherty, Virginia Association of School Business Officials
Phyllis Geron, Virginia Electronic Student Information Systems
Bob Hanny, Professor at William & Mary, accompanied L.B. Berg
Joe Hill, Regional Study Group V Representative
Sharon Hurwitz, Virginia Association of English Teachers
Jane James, Virginia Educational Media Association
Virginia Jones, Virginia Middle School Association
Nolan Kilgore, Regional Study Group VII Representative
John Littlefield, Regional Study Group II Representative
Dave Mirra, Regional Study Group III Representative
Steve Muller, Regional Study Group IV Representative
Paul Nichols, Business and Industry Representative
Zahrl Schoeny, Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
Marilyn Walls, Regional Study Group I Representative
Sherry Ward, Virginia Council for Private Education

Department of Education Personnel:
Gloria Barber, Executive Secretary
Flora Cosby, Office of Educational Technology
Linda Holt, Office of Educational Technology
Charlie Makela, Office of Educational Technology
Julie Mersiowsky, Office of Educational Technology
Lan Neugent, Assistant Superintendent for Technology
Richard Schley, Office of Educational Technology
Jean Weller, Office of Educational Technology
Joyce Faye White, Office of Educational Technology

Opening - Fraser Getgood – presiding in the absence of the chair.
Fraser welcomed everyone and introduced the new members.

Approval of Minutes - Sharon Hurwitz
The minutes of the October 7th meeting were accepted as presented.

Old Business
VETAC Web Page - Joyce White
Joyce Faye reported that the VETAC annual report is now posted on the webpage and the membership is being updated.

Technology Standards in the Content Areas - Fraser Getgood
Although each of the core content areas has technology strands integrated within them, there are no specific standards. Fraser suggested that we revisit this topic after the work groups have met. Those reports will be presented at the May meeting.

Gloria reported that she included a revision schedule for the Standards of Learning in the handouts. Based on the schedule, the Computer/Technology standards for grades 5, 8, and 12 are up for revision by June 2005. If we want to have input, we need to begin working on them right away. Lan suggested that we look seriously at the ISTE standards and consider using them as our basis since many states are adopting these as they stand. We also have to come up with a definition of technology literacy and address assessment of student computer literacy by the end of the eight grade.

Administrator Standards - Fraser Getgood
Fraser reported that VETAC would like to work with ABTEL to recommend some standards for administrators.   Lan reported that, although we tried to get VETAC representation on ABTEL, we were not successful. During the conversation, we discovered that Toni Cleveland is an ex-officio member of ABTEL. The handout packet includes a list of ABTEL membership. VETAC members are encouraged to use the list to make contact with ABTEL members.

Zahrl Schoeny reported that a committee of national experts for NETS-A (part of ISTE) is developing a task-oriented rubric for national standards. Zahrl, Dave Mirra, Paul Nichols, and Virginia Jones volunteered to be on a sub-committee to look at these national standards and the rubric. Fraser asked the sub-committee to have a report ready by the May meeting.

Update on Technology Plan – Lan Neugent
Lan presented the technology plan along with a "state of educational technology in the commonwealth" report to the Senate Finance Committee. The report was well received.

New Business
Nomination Committee - Fraser Getgood
Fraser reminded us we needed to nominate chairman, secretary, vice chair and two members to serve on the executive board to serve for two-year terms. Jane James will chair the nomination committee, with Marilyn Walls and Bob Mullen. Bill Flaherty made the motion, and Zahrl seconded.

Announcements
Sprint Learning Station - Joyce White
Joyce reported that Sprint won the competitive bid to provide school divisions with an affordable way to purchase software, and announcements have been sent out to superintendents and technology directors. Professional development is part of the package. The training is on integration of technology.

Educational Information Management System Update - Lan Neugent
Lan reported that the DOE has put together an RFP to help localities meet the need of the NCLB, which is requiring research data to show improvement. This RFP will provide a state wide standardized system to collect information to report to the NCLB. He announced that the RFP was awarded to Pearson Educational System. The DOE has selected 16 school divisions using a variety of different systems to participate in a pilot, funded by NCLB, to test the system. The pilot participants are Hanover, Henrico, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Fredericksburg, Stafford, Fairfax, Loudoun, Waynesboro, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Roanoke County, Patrick, Russell, Tazewell, and Brunswick. April Blount is the project manager. The resulting product will also have a data disaggregator tool built in, although the current one will be extended for one more year.

Ed Tech Evaluation Framework - Gloria Barber
Gloria reported that, as a requirement of the NCLB funding, every state has to conduct evaluation on the impact of technology. All of the grant money has been distributed without setting aside money to fund and/or evaluate the process. The framework tool included in the handout packet will be discussed in the afternoon. The department worked with AEL to develop a framework for the evaluations of Ed Tech Activities. The framework does not replace consortium evaluation requirements. The local consortium's evaluation tool will address specifics, while the DOE report will be more global. The framework will also allow DOE to collect information in a cost-effective manner. A report status will be presented at the May meeting

Technology Plans - Julie Mersiowsky
Julie reported that she has already received several local technology plans, which are perfectly aligned with the state plan. Local plans can be submitted electronically or hard copy, if submitted electronic, it should be either Word or a pdf file. It is not necessary that hard copies be in color or bound.

Conference evaluations – Linda Holt
Linda reported that, after reading all the conference evaluations, plans include perhaps a full day of activities on the first day of next year's conference. This will allow more repeat sessions. The dates for the 2004 conference are Dec. 1, 2, and 3. Linda recommended that we might want to go ahead and make reservations.

GALE – Charlie Makela
Charlie reported that she has been offering training for using the GALE databases, which has created good collaboration between public and school librarians. She also reported that the Governor's Innovative Technology Awards sponsored by AOL would be on May 27th. The information to apply is on the DOE homepage. Portfolios must be submitted electronically. There is a $2500 monetary reward.

MarcoPolo - Jean Weller
Jean has been continuing the train-the-trainer sessions on MarcoPolo, and she is getting ready to develop some higher level training. The training and materials are still free of charge.

VPSA bond money – Richard Schley
Richard reported that we are currently on issue 3 and issue 4 will come out in May.

Standards Of Quality – Lan Neugent
Lan cautioned that, although the governor's budget does not include the funding for instructional technology support, it is still there. If you have contacts, now is the time to talk to them.

Project Graduation – Lan Neugent

Lan described the Princeton Review program, designed to help students who are at risk of not graduating because they did not pass the reading or writing SOL test. The program is an online SOL remediation program that allows students to take a pretest and then take the modules they need. At the end of the program they can retake the SOL test. The program is described in the last supts memo, and there are currently 7,000 slots available.

Next meeting - Sharon Hurwitz

Sharon reported, in Bob's absence, on the next meeting, which will be held at the Virginia Beach Advanced Technology Center and at Landstown High School on May 4, 2004. Several lodging and options and program schedules were presented. No activities for Wednesday will be planned.

Lunch

Miniwork Sessions - Gloria Barber

The groups and their facilitators include:
1. Technology Integration - Joyce White
2. C/T SOL Revision, Assessment - Charlie Makela
3. Technology Survey   - Juliette Mersiowsky
4. Ed Tech Evaluation Framework - Gloria Barber

Reports will be given at the May meeting.

Adjournment

School Tour - Bill Flaherty

Bill conducted a tour of Hanover High School. The school is complete with wireless technology, computer-based automotive center, weight and fitness rooms, TV broadcast studio, and computer labs. It is designed for 1900 students and community use.

Next Meeting

Executive Committee	**April 6, 2004**	**Richmond**
Full Committee	**May 4, 2004**	**Virginia Beach**